

What is claimed is:

1. A catamenial tampon for use within the vaginal space of a female wearer, said tampon comprising:
 - a primary absorbent member having an insertion end and a withdrawal end;
 - a mass of secondary absorbent material proximate said withdrawal end of said primary absorbent member; and wherein
 - said primary absorbent member has a first capillary pressure and said secondary absorbent member has a second capillary pressure; said second capillary pressure being lower than said first capillary pressure.
2. The tampon of claim 1 further comprising a withdrawal mechanism attached to said primary absorbent member and extending beyond at least said withdrawal end, wherein said mass of secondary absorbent material is substantially axially centered about said withdrawal mechanism.
3. The tampon of claim 1 further comprising a withdrawal mechanism attached to said primary absorbent member and extending beyond at least said withdrawal end, wherein said mass of secondary absorbent material is joined to said withdrawal mechanism.
4. The tampon of claim 1 wherein said mass of secondary absorbent material is joined to said withdrawal end of said primary absorbent member.
5. The tampon of claim 1 wherein said tampon comprises a gap between said withdrawal end of said primary absorbent member and said mass of secondary absorbent material.
6. The tampon of claim 1 wherein said mass of secondary absorbent material comprises a plurality of discrete pieces of absorbent material.
7. The tampon of Claim 1 wherein said primary absorbent member has greater mass than said mass of secondary absorbent material.

8. The tampon of claim 1 wherein said mass of secondary absorbent material comprises a nonwoven web attached to said withdrawal end of said primary absorbent member.

9. The tampon of Claim 1 wherein said primary absorbent member has greater absorbent capacity than said mass of secondary absorbent material.

10. The tampon of claim 1 wherein said primary absorbent member has a first diameter and said mass of secondary absorbent material has a second diameter, said first diameter is larger than said second diameter.

11. The tampon of claim 1 wherein said primary absorbent member is compressed to a substantially cylindrical self-sustaining form.